

REMARKS

Sequence Listing

The Office required a computer readable sequence listing pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. The applicant agrees and a sequence listing is enclosed herewith in printed format. A computer readable format and statement are also enclosed herewith. The specification has been amended accordingly to provide each of the unique sequences with a corresponding sequence identifier. No new matter has been introduced by virtue of these amendments.

35 USC § 112

Claims 55-74 were rejected under 35 USC § 112 as containing subject matter which was not sufficiently described in the specification. The applicant agrees with respect to the concerns raised by the Examiner and amended claims 55, 64, and 72 accordingly. Claim 69 was canceled.

35 USC § 102

Claims 55-57 were rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Sabesan et al. The applicant agrees and amended claim 55 to specifically exclude the compounds taught by Sabesan et al.

Double Patenting

Claim 59 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Pat. No. 5,712,378. The applicant agrees in some respects and disagrees in others. Nevertheless, the applicant canceled claim 59 to advance prosecution of the present application.

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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 55-58, 60-68, and 70-74 are pending in this application. Applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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